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SUBJ: TRADE BILL

GENEVA FOR GATT

REF: (A) STATE 236848, (B) STATE 237173, (C) STATE 226909

1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER OF TRADE STARIBACHER ON SEVERAL SUBJECTS, AMBASSADOR INFORMED MINISTER THAT PRESIDENT HAD ASKED SPEAKER OF HOUSE TO SCHEDULE HOUSE CONSIDERATION OF TRADE BILL BEFORE CHRISTMAS RECESS AND THAT BILL WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR HOUSE ACTION DEC. 10, 11. AMBASSADOR ALSO MENTIONED RECOMMENDATION THAT HOUSE VOTE TO DROP TITLE IV (REF B).

2. STARIBACHER WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN IN WASHINGTON TO MOVE FORWARD WITH BILL,
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COMMENTING THAT NOVEMBER GATT MEETINGS HAD NOT IN HIS VIEW ACCOMPLISHED ANYTHING AND THAT NO MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE UNTIL TRADE REFORM BILL HAS BEEN ENACTED. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT USG WILL BE ABLE TO START GENERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON TARIFF MATTERS AS SOON AS TARIFF AUTHORITY IN TRADE BILL HAS BEEN DEFINED AND THAT USG FEELS WE CAN AND SHOULD START DISCUSSIONS ON GENERAL FORMULA OF TARIFF REDUCTIONS IMMEDIATELY AFTER TRADE BILL DEFINED.

3. COMMENT: OTHER SENIOR MINTRADE OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY DO NOT BELIEVE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN TRADE TALKS UNTIL TRADE BILL HAS PASSED. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE INFORMAL TALKS WITH THESE OFFICIALS, DRAWING ON POINTS CONTAINED REF C.HUMES

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